

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the early indication of allowability as to claims 5, and 21-26 of the application. Replacement sheets 1 and 2 are submitted herewith which fully address the objections of the Examiner to FIGS. 1 and 4. The amendments to the drawings are accompanied by corresponding amendments to the Specification, which are fully supported by the application as filed. In particular, references in the Specification and the drawings bearing the numerals 405 and 450 are now removed from the application.

In addition, paragraph [0053] of the Specification is amended to describe the subject matter which is claimed in original claim 4, such description being fully supported by the original text of claim 4. Also, in order to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, claim 27 has been amended to depend from claim 11 which recites spacers. The remaining objections have been addressed by the amendments to the Specification. No new matter is introduced by the changes to the drawings and the Specification herein.

Claims have been amended herein in a manner indicated by the Examiner to make them allowable. Claims 5 and 21 have been amended to include the recitations of the base claims and intervening claims from which they depend, Claims 1 and 18-20 have been cancelled and claims 2-4, 6-17, and 27-28 have been amended to depend from one of the claims which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. In addition, as amended herein, claims 29-30 are believed to be allowable over the art of record in the application. The undersigned, after reviewing the art of record, believes that none of the references teaches or suggests the subject matter claimed therein. Specifically, claim 29 has been amended to recite that the first layer consists essentially of tungsten and is deposited from a $W(CO)_6$ precursor, and that that the second layer consists essentially

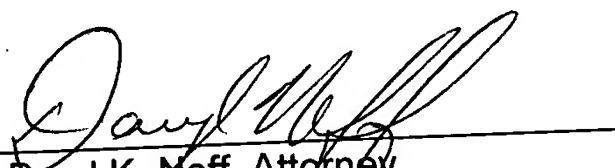
of tungsten and is deposited from a WF_6 precursor. Similarly, claim 30 has been amended to recite that the first layer consists essentially of a metal deposited using a carbonyl of a metal as a deposition precursor.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. If for any reason the Examiner has any question regarding the content of this amendment or the allowability of the presently pending claims, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

It is believed that no fee is required upon filing this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to debit the Deposit Account No. 09-0458 of the Assignee for the amount due, and to credit any overpayment to the same account.

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In the Drawings

Replacement sheets 1 and 2 are submitted herewith containing corrections to add the label "Prior Art" to FIG. 1, and to delete the reference 405 from FIG. 4.